

REMARKS

Allowed and Allowable Claims

Claims 1-29 have been allowed. Claims 30, 31, 36 and 38-40 have been rejected on various grounds. Claims 32-35 and 37 have been objected to, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

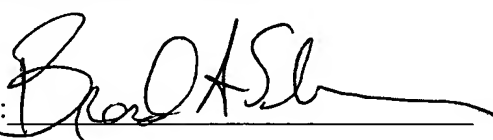
The Applicant has cancelled independent claim 30 without prejudice for possible submission in a continuing application, and has rewritten dependent claim 32 in independent form. Applicant notes that dependent claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form without the limitations added in response to the first Office Action since dependent claim 32 was likewise indicated as being allowable in the first Office Action if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that rewritten independent claim 32 is now in condition for allowance. Additionally, claims 36 and 38-40 have been amended to depend from rewritten independent claim 32. Accordingly, since claims 31 and 33-40 depend from allowable rewritten independent base claim 32, claims 31 and 33-40 are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's application is now in condition for allowance with pending claims 1-29 and 31-40.

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. Timely action towards a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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